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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A plastic retaining member for retaining an elongated element on a support, said retaining member consisting of a single body which comprises ~~comprising~~:

~~a basic body comprising~~ a mounting portion for mounting on the support; ~~[[and]]~~

a retaining portion projecting from at least one side of the mounting portion, said retaining portion comprising a seating for the elongated element, wherein at least some part of the seating has a lining made of a non-rigid plastic material or a rigid plastic material having a non-rigid feature; ~~[[and]]~~

a resilient contact portion projecting from the mounting portion and being adapted to be placed on the support; and

~~wherein at least some part of the seating has a lining made of a non rigid plastic material or a rigid plastic material having a non rigid feature; and~~

a connecting element which is continuous to both said lining and the resilient contact portion and connects ~~wherein~~ said lining and the resilient contact portion, said ~~are~~ ~~connected to each other via a connecting element being~~ made of the material of said lining.

20. (currently amended) The retaining member as claimed in claim 19, wherein

said resilient contact portion, said connecting element and said lining are made of a thermoplastic polymer; and

said connecting element is embedded in said mounting portion and said retaining

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portion.

21. (currently amended) An one-piece retaining member for holding and supporting an elongated element from a support, said one-piece retaining member consisting of a single body which comprises comprising:

a holding portion being attachable to the support and comprising a recess for holding the elongated element therein, said holding portion having an underside adapted to face the support when said holding portion is attached to the support; and

a resilient contact portion disposed on the underside of said holding portion to define a lowermost portion of said retaining member, said resilient contact portion being adapted to be placed between said holding portion and the support and to bear against the support when said holding portion is attached to the support, thereby minimizing vibration transmission from said holding portion to the support.

22. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 21, wherein said holding portion comprises

a base portion which is adapted to be attached to the support and on which said resilient contact portion is disposed; and

at least an arm extending laterally from said base portion, said arm having therein the recess for holding the elongated element.

23. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 22, wherein said arm extends laterally away from said base portion and obliquely upwardly away from said resilient contact portion, whereby the recess and the elongated element held therein can be placed further from the support than said base portion, avoiding undesired contact and vibration transmission between the elongated element and the support.

24. (currently amended) The retaining member as claimed in claim 23, wherein

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said holding portion comprises two said arms extending from laterally opposite sides of said base portion;

each said arm has a lower surface which is flat and slanted upwardly from the underside of said base portion; and

the lower surfaces of said arm are slanted at an obtuse angle relative to each other.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) The retaining member as claimed in claim [[25]]
22, wherein

said holding portion comprises two said arms extending from laterally opposite sides of said base portion;

said base portion comprises a lower opening for receiving therein a pin of the support; and

said resilient contact portion comprises two resilient contact elements disposed on diametrically opposed sides of said opening.

27. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 26, wherein each of said resilient contact elements has a convex lower surface extending from a lowermost point upwardly in opposite directions towards said arms.

28. (currently amended) The retaining member as claimed in claim 26, wherein

said base portion further comprises an annular lower opening has a peripheral, downwardly extending wall which extends circumferentially of said lower opening and is positioned between said resilient contact elements, and wherein

a height of said annular wall peripheral wall as measured from lower surfaces of said arms is smaller than that of said resilient contact elements, whereby said annular peripheral wall may contact, in use, the support only after sufficient compression of said resilient

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contact elements.

29. (currently amended) The retaining member as claimed in claim 28, wherein said annular ~~peripheral~~ wall has, in a longitudinal direction of said arms, an extent greater than that of said resilient contact elements.

30. (canceled)

31. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 21, wherein said resilient contact portion has a lower surface which is adapted to contact the support and curved downwardly, away from said holding portion.

32. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 21, wherein said holding portion and said resilient contact portion are made of the same plastic material, said resilient contact portion comprising a non-rigid feature which gives said resilient contact portion a spring constant lower than that of said holding portion.

33. (currently amended) The retaining member as claimed in claim 21, wherein said holding portion is made of a harder material and said resilient contact portion is made of a softer material, said harder and softer material being integrally molded into [[a]] the single body of said one-piece retaining member.

34. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 21, wherein said recess includes a resilient lining connected with said resilient contact portion by a connecting element made of the material of said lining.

35. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 21, wherein said recess includes a resilient lining connected with said resilient contact portion by a connecting element, and wherein said lining, resilient contact portion and connecting element are all made of the same material.

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36. (previously presented) The retaining member as claimed in claim 35, wherein the material of said lining, resilient contact portion and connecting element is softer than that of said holding portion.

37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) A retaining member for holding and supporting an elongated element from a support, said retaining member comprising:

a holding portion being made of a harder material, being attachable to the support, and comprising a recess for holding the elongated element therein; and

a resilient contact portion being made of a softer material, being disposed on an underside of said holding portion, and being adapted to be placed between said holding portion and the support and to bear against the support when said holding portion is attached to the support, thereby minimizing vibration transmission from said holding portion to the support;

wherein said recess includes a resilient lining connected with said resilient contact portion by a connecting element; and

wherein said lining, resilient contact portion and connecting element are all made of said softer material.

39. (new) The retaining member of claim 38, wherein said connecting element extends through a thickness of the harder material of said holding portion, and is continuous to both the lining, which is disposed at an upperside of said holding portion, and the resilient contact portion, which is disposed at the underside of said holding portion.

40. (new) The retaining member as claimed in claim 39, wherein said holding portion comprises

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a base portion which is adapted to be attached to the support and on which said resilient contact portion is disposed; and

two arms extending laterally from opposite sides of said base portion, each said arm including at least one said recess and the resilient lining of said recess; and

the linings of the recesses of said arms are connected to said resilient contact portion by two said connecting elements which are slanted with respect to each other and define a V shape.

41. (new) The retaining member as claimed in claim 39, wherein said holding portion comprises

a base portion which is adapted to be attached to the support and on which said resilient contact portion is disposed; and

at least one arm extending laterally from a side of said base portion, said arm including two said recesses and the resilient linings of said recesses; said recesses are connected with each other by a bridge portion spaced upwardly from said arm; and

the linings of said two recesses are connected with each other by an auxiliary connecting element which is made of said softer material and embedded in said bridge portion.